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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY ACQUISITION WORKFORCE

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During Acquisition and Logistics Reform Week, June 7-11, 1999, the Department of Defense acquisition team will "Accelerate the Revolution." During this special week, Dr. Gansler has asked us to take one day and discuss, at every level, the application of our ongoing Acquisition and Logistics reform initiatives and determine how we can best accelerate their implementation. The Department of the Navy Acquisition Reform Office (ARO), along with the Acquisition Reform Team Working Group (ARTWG) and the Systems Commands (SYSCOMs), are already gearing up to supplement your individual organization's plans with core Acquisition and Logistics reform events.

The Department of the Navy will start the week with the Change Through Ex-Change Conference on June 7 from 0900 - 1230. This conference began two years ago to expose our program successes and share innovative ideas in a structured, creative environment. To accelerate our progress in identifying innovative processes, the ARO has assembled a team that will help share the processes amongst the SYSCOMs. We can move faster toward implementing these great ideas and I ask that you carefully consider them for application in your office. I will be speaking at the Change Through Ex-Change Conference and look forward to sharing these ideas with you.

On Tuesday, June 8, the Department of the Navy will participate in the Office of the Secretary of Defense Kick-Off events held at the Pentagon Courtyard. The opening ceremony will feature Secretary Cohen's presentation of the David Packard Excellence in Acquisition awards. The Department of the Navy will also have exhibits on display in the Courtyard and will provide presentations on numerous reform subjects throughout the day. The ARO booth will showcase the successes of our Department of the Navy programs.

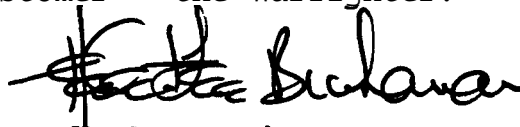
On Thursday, June 10, from 1300 - 1500, I will personally host the Virtual Town Hall Meeting. This is an opportunity for the world-wide acquisition workforce to communicate with senior Acquisition and Logistics leaders of the Department of the Navy. Questions will be fielded live from our in-studio acquisition workforce audience and remote sites. I encourage you to

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participate by tuning in through Video Teleconferencing (VTC) or your computer. Answers to all questions received during the event will be available on the Department of the Navy ARO website.

You will receive additional information from the ARO and your supporting SYSCOMs as the week approaches. The ARO Website [<http://www.acq-ref.navy.mil>] has the latest information on the events as well as available training products. The ARO POC for Acquisition and Logistics Reform Week is Mike Skratulia, (703) 602-5506, [mskratulia@ar.navy.mil](mailto:mskratulia@ar.navy.mil).

I strongly encourage you to include these events within your activity's plans. I further challenge you to use Acquisition and Logistics Reform Week to start "Accelerating the Revolution" to sustain the maritime superiority our nation enjoys by providing the finest equipment better, faster, and cheaper to our ultimate customer - the Warfighter.



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